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TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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SUBJ: PROPOSED NAMES FOR ASSIGNMENTS

REF: YOUR LETTER SEPTEMBER 11, 1973

FOR CHARGE FROM FOLEY

1. BEEN UNABLE REFER FURTHER NAMES TO YOU SINCE NO ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS HAVE COME FROM PER. AMBASSADOR FULLY AWARE OF DIFFICULTY INHERENT IN RANK OF PROPOSED CANDIDATE BUT FELT HE COULD HANDLE WITH OTHER INTERESTED PARTY WHO WOULD NOT BE IN CHARGE WHEN EMBASSY MOVES CAPE TOWN. PRESENT PATTERN WOULD CONTINUE OF HAVING ECONOMIC COUNSELOR SERVE AS OIC. ALTHOUGH MANAGERIAL EXPERIENCE NOT REFLECTED IN BIO, INDIVIDUAL HIGHLY RATED AT PREVIOUS POST BY HIS AMBASSADOR FOR EXECUTIVE TALENT AND NAMED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL ON LIST OF OUTSTANDING CANDIDATES FOR FUTURE DCM SLOTS. MEANWHILE, REALIZE RESERVATIONS THAT ONE OF HIS POTENTIAL SUBORDINATES HAS FOR HIM WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO YOU BY NOW AND WHICH I HAVE NOTED IN MY PHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE AMBASSADOR. ALTHOUGH I THINK HE WAS RATHER IMPRESSED, LATTER HAS NOT MADE UP HIS MIND AND HOPES HAVE MORE NAMES TO CONSIDER.

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2. ON OTHER POSITION, LANDFAIR AND I DO NOT SHARE YOUR

VIEWS BUT THIS IS ONE ON WHICH I MUST STAY VERY MUCH IN
THE BACKGROUND. WHATEVER, THE AMBASSADOR IS INSISTING
ON A NUMBER OF NAMES BEING RUN BY HIM AND WILL NOT THIS
TIME BUY IDEA OF ONLY ONE CANDIDATE. RUSH

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